

# Waste Prevention Tips

**Help conserve our valuable, natural resources and unnecessary materials going to our landfills by practicing the following at home and work:**

## REDUCE

1. Avoid items that are excessively packaged, and buy in bulk when possible
2. Purchase only what you need
3. Share and trade things you don't need with friends and family
4. Landscape with native or water wise plants that don't require constant mowing or trimming and use less water
5. "Grasscycle" your lawn trimmings by leaving them on the lawn after mowing
6. Compost your yard trimmings and kitchen scraps in a backyard composting bin
7. Copy all documents double-sided and use email when possible
8. Have your name removed from "unwanted" mailing lists

## REUSE

1. Purchase quality items instead of second-rate brands or disposable items
2. Avoid disposable items and use durable items like ceramic coffee mugs and plates
3. Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB) wherever you go shopping
4. Use sponges and dish towels instead of paper towels
5. Donate unwanted items to charitable organizations
6. Fix appliances that are worn out instead of bringing them to a household hazardous waste event
7. Use the back of a piece of unwanted paper as scrap paper
8. Reuse mailing envelopes and boxes when sending documents and packages
9. Reuse "packing peanuts" or take them to mailing houses that will reuse them

## RECYCLE

1. Cans, glass, plastics, newspaper, mixed paper are all sorted for you by Athens
2. Other items can easily be recycled locally (see the city's Recycling Directory)

***Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot, Rethink & Then Reduce Some More!***

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